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If you're anything like me, you will welcome a Christmas gift suggestion or two. One of the most practical gifts for persons on the go is an RTD monthly pass. Oh you say it sounds about as exciting as an Irish wake, well don't you believe it. An RTD monthly pass provides unlimited one zone riding on any RTD extraCar or the first 30c portion of any fare. Be practical this year, give something your friends and relatives can readily use.

Next week this column will feature detailed information on Rose Bowl transportation. Unless you're one of those people who enjoy driving around in the world's largest parking lot, you will want to read about RTD extraCar service to the parade and the game.

A lady wrote in recently accusing me of making bus riding sound as easy as taking your own car to work. She went on to say that standing on a corner waiting for a bus leaves much to be desired. I have to take exception to this good ladies argument and point out a few facts she has obviously overlooked. A little simple arithmetic will tell anyone that parking in downtown Los Angeles can add up to a buck or two, money you can keep in your mattress. Now if you're lucky you'll get by with only one or two banged fenders a year, another buck or two that would look better under your mattress. As for waiting on the corner, this ritual can be improved upon if you have a timetable. The RTD prints a public timetable for all of its 116 lines, usually available from the bus operator or from me, Artie Dee. Just drop me a card and I'll see to it you get your timetable.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY... A budget is a plan that enables you to pay as you go if you don't go anywhere.

O. I live at 135th and Prairie in Hawthorne. Please tell me how often the buses run on Prairie? Where do they go? How can I get to the Greyhound bus depot in Los Angeles and the South Bay Shopping Center. Mrs. B.J.R.

A. The RTD 104 line runs hourly on Prairie, south to South Bay Shopping Center and north to Broadway. You can get to the Los Angeles Greyhound by taking the 104 line to Broadway and Hawthorne and the 5 line to 6th Street Los Angeles, then walk east 3 blocks to the terminal.

Q. We recently moved to Redondo Beach where my husband is employed at a AeroSpace firm. My problem is no transportation, what is available in the Redondo Beach area? Mrs. A.J.

A. Redondo has several bus lines, the newest being the 125 line to Marindel and Los Angeles. The 5 line goes to El Segundo, Inglewood, International Airport and Los Angeles. The 101, 102, 103, 104 are locals serving areas around Redondo including the beautiful South Bay Shopping Center. I'll send you timetables.

Q. What bus is that running on Imperial near Sepulveda? I saw it recently on my way to work? Mr. L.V.T.

A. You saw the new 137 line on Imperial Hwy. that began operation November 11th. The line runs from Imperial and you a timetable.

Q. Are there any jobs open Sepulveda to Norwalk. I've sent at the RTD? I used to drive a bus back in Cleveland, but I've not driven one since I came to California. Mr. O.S.M.

A. RTD has openings for bus operators at the present time. If you will come to 1060 South Broadway, Room 608 or call RI 9-6977 Ext. 284 or 285 they will tell you all about it.

Send your questions to Artie Dee, Transportation Editor, care of this newspaper. All questions will be answered in the column, or by mail, a system map will be sent FREE to each person writing in. NO RETURN STAMPS or STAMPED ENVELOPES ARE NECESSARY. (Advertisement)

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Auto Club Lists Rules For Driving, Walking

Drivers and pedestrians should be doubly alert and move about with an awareness that they should use extra caution during the Christmas and New Year's Holiday season. The need for extra caution is because hazards for both the driver and pedestrian are at their yearly peak, the Automobile Club of Southern California emphasizes. This can be attributed to several things. Among them area

the longer hours of darkness, the ever present possibility of foggy or rainy weather, and the many more people whose minds are preoccupied with the Holiday Season. AS A RESULT, the Automobile Club recommends that both drivers and pedestrians be doubly alert, and in an effort to assist both groups, has prepared a list of basic safety rules.

- Never cross or enter the roadway from between parked cars.
- Walk on the left side of the roadway facing traffic, where there are no sidewalks.
- If you must be out at night, carry or wear something white to help the driver see you.
- Cross only at corners and keep to the right of the crosswalk.
- Cross only on proper signals and obey "Walk" and "Don't Walk" signs.
- Cross only with a new green light.
- Look both ways before crossing and be sure the way is clear.
- Watch for turning cars from both the left and right.
- Maintain and clean head and tail lights so they can give you light when needed.
- Be patient in heavy traffic.
- Leave for your destination early enough to allow for delays.
- Don't follow the car ahead too closely.
- Avoid changing lanes except when necessary.
- Watch the cars ahead and behind you.
- Always keep on the alert for pedestrians and cars entering the roadway from side streets and parking areas.
- For the rainy and foggy weather, the Auto Club suggests that both the motorist and pedestrian use special awareness and alertness because the hazards of driving during these times reach their highest peak.

Ruth Victorious At Tournament

University of Southern California debaters are just back from the Bronco Forensic Tournament at Central State College in Oklahoma City, where they continued to record the type of high-level performance which has highlighted their season's debate competition. In the extemporaneous speaking event, Marc Ruth of Torrance placed fourth.

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